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[Despatch Abstract.]

Housing - Building materials - Iron and Steel Cement &c Bricks - H.M's Suggestions - Papers Recorded.

This file was started to examine the following sug suggestions made by the late Hon'ble Minister (Prohibition)

(1) that the Government of India may be addressed to alot some iron and steel for the cooperative house building societies the Government of India quota reserved by them themfor the post-war Development schemes;

(2) that the coke and coal controller may be supply of coke and coal for brick making purposes;

(3) that cooperative labour contract societies may be started for brick manufacture .

(4) that the cement position may be examined and if necessary, it may be brought under the Essential Articles Controll Act.

These suggestions have been examined and action taken as detai ed below:

2. Suggestion (1) above:- In July '47 Government of India were addressed to make a special Allotment of 2000 tons per quarters for the housing schemes in this Province. In their reply dated 29-7-47 they stated that they were considering the question of marking a special allotment for Government sponsered housing schemes. In August '47they were again addressed to allot at least 4000 tons per year. In reply they stated that they had made an allotment of 845 tons for certain unclarrified Government Development schemes for period I of 48. The Government of India have since been alloting specific quotas for every quarter and the Registrar's of Cooperative Societies is taking steps to obtain these quotas by submitting indents to the Iron and Steel controller. In his review on the progress of housing schemes for the month of May 1948, the Registrar of Cooperative Societies have stated that "as a relult of the steps taken by the Regist during the last xix months, housing cocieties are now assured of adequate supplies of building materials such as iron, and steel, cement, slack coal, timber etc." No further actior therefore seems called for on this suggestion.

3. Suggestion (2) on p.29 above. In Sepetember 1947 The Deputy Coal Commissioner was addressed for an additional allotment of 500 wagons of coal and coke for brick manufacture in this Province. In his reply dated 6-1-48 he stated that due to the difficulty of transport it was not possible to ine crease the quota for bricks. He however stated that steps would be taken to supply the additional quota as and when wagon position permitted. In July 48 during his stay at Delhi, Deputy Secretary (Mr. C.V.Rarasimham) discussed the question with the Authorities in Government of India and was informed their that there was no chance of finding extra coal for kilns in view of the non-avoidability of Singareni coal. In their letter dated 6-10-48, the Government of India have stated that they have made an allotment of 180 wagons of brick-burning coal and 28 wagons of slack and dust coal in addition to the usual monthly quota of 76 wagons. They have also stated that they are examining the question of increasing the quota on a permanent basis and have permi promised to send a furhher reply. (The letter is being communicated to the D.I. & C and R.C.S. by DII sec.) The receipt of the further communications is being note watched in DII section. No further action seems called for in their file on this suggestion. For orders.

4. Suggestion (3) above. The Registrar who was consulted on the suggestion, stated this question would be examined when the P.W.D Engineer asked for by the Madras House Construction Society to joined duty. In the meanwhile the Brick manufactures agreed to supply bricks to the House construction society at Rs. 20/- per 1000. I was therefore ordered in circulation that no further action was necessary

5.Suggestion 4.29 p.29 above:- Cement have already been notified as an essential article under the Madras Essential ~~Art~~ Articals control and requisitioning Act. 1946. The cement position was examined in consultation with the Registrar of Cooperative Societies and the Public Works Department The Hon'ry cement controller Madras suggested allotment of additional wagons, coal etc. for cement manufature. The Deputy Secretary Public Works Department stated that he was in tonch with the Hony. Cement Controller and the Regional Controller of Railway Priorities and that the transport position at each factory was being reviewed and necessary remedial measures taken at the monthly meetings. In view of this it was decided to watch the cement position for some time and then address the Deputy Coal Commissioner if necessary. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies has not so for addressed Government in the matter. It would appear from the report referred to a 'A' on p.30 above that there is adequate supply of cement. No further action is ~~collected~~ called on this suggestion also. For orders.

The papers may be recorded for reference.

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